Full Board Meeting Minutes

Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers

Friday, September 18, 2026

Location

Virtual: Microsoft TEAMS

In Person: Morrow Crane Building, Floor 2, Large Conference Rm, 3218 Pringle Road SE, Ste 240, Salem, OR 97302

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Mollie Janssen, LCSW Member, **Chair**

Nicole Pantley, Public Member, **Vice Chair**

Amy Ashton, Williams, LCSW Member

Eli Kinsley, LCSW Member

Troy Costales, Public Member

Excused Absence: Olivia Bormann, CSWA Member

Board Staff Present:

Mary-Beth Baptista, Interim Executive Director

Kimberly Coleman, Legislative and Licensing Analyst

Cassie Kanaeholo, Licensing Assistant

Mindy Tucker, Senior Compliance Specialist

Reyn Catala, Investigator

Abraham Dedek, Investigator

Governor's Office:

Chad Albright, Policy Initiative Coordinator

Members of the Public Present:

Nick Norman, Mindful Therapy Group P.C.

Angelica Peterson

Miranda Bass

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1. **Call to order: Chair Ashton-Williams** called the Board Meeting to order at **1:16 PM** in accordance with OAR 192.610 to 192.690 public meeting laws.

2. **Chair Vice Chair Discussion and Approval**

   Board Chair discussion and approval for Molly Janssen as Chair: **Board Vote** – Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

   Board Vice Chair discussion and approval for Nicole Pantley as Vice Chair: **Board Vote –** Motion passed 5-0, abstention(s).

3. **Review and approval of agenda with the change that Board Chair will be Mollie Janssen:**

   Board Vote – Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

4. **Public Comment:**

   The Board is not required, nor do the Board members anticipate engaging in discussion with participants providing comments.

   Written: No written comments provided.

   Oral: No oral comments provided.

5. **Executive Session:** Chair Janssen announced that the Board would now enter the Executive Session to conduct Board business pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f), ORS 675.504, and ORS 676.175(1 which allow the Board to meet in executive session to consider confidential investigatory information. The Board **entered** Executive Session **at 1:46 pm.** The Board **exited** Executive Session **at 2:28 pm**.

6. **Update to Meeting Agenda:** Board approved moving the discussion of delegated authority to right after Executive Session. **Board Vote –** Motion passed, 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

7. **Board review and approval of the Delegation of Authority**

   Board Discussion: Interim Executive Director Baptista shared updates and purpose for the Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers (OBLSW) delegation of authority. The Board discussed updating the delegation of authority to meet current OBLSW laws and rules.

   Action Items: Interim ED Baptista will work with Legal Counsel Kyle Martin to verify and update language and Board requested changes for delegated authority, then bring back to the next board meeting.

   Outcome: Board voted to approve delegation of authority as discussed with the amendments during the September 18, 2026, meeting. **Board Vote –** motion passed, 5-0, 0 abstentions.

8. **Review and approval of amendments to the June 26, 2026, Board minutes: Board Vote -** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

9. **Review and approval of June 26, 2026, Board minutes: Board Vote –** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

10. **Approval of extension to continue investigations that are over 120 days: Board Vote -** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

11. **Consumer Protection Committee Report – Case Resolutions/Updates:**

    Case 2016-24: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

    Case 2018-20: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

    Case 2018-21: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

    Case 2019-17: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

    Case 2020-12: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

11. Consumer Protection Committee Report – Case Resolutions/Updates (Continued):

Case 2021-19: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2021-27: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2021-29: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2021-30: CLOSED**, Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2021-31: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2021-33: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed, 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2021-34: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed, 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2021-35: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed, 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2021-40: CLOSED**, Board Vote:** Motion passed, 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2021-41: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed, 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2021-42: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2021-43: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2021-45: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2021-50: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2022-10: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2022-12: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2022-13: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2022-20: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2022-21: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2022-23: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2022-24: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2022-26: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2022-30: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2022-33: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2023-37: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2023-48: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2024-14: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2024-25: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

11. Consumer Protection Committee Report – Case Resolutions/Updates (Continued):

Case 2024-45: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2025-47: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2026-06: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2026-19: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2026-41: DISMISSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

Case 2023-36: CLOSED, **Board Vote:** Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

12. Discussion and potential adoption of Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Changes

Interim ED Baptista shared an overview of previous Board discussion for rule changes and shared that the Board provided a public comment period. Interim ED Baptista shared that no public comment was received for any of the rule changes and public comment is now closed.

Board approved to make a permanent rule of the draft rule OAR 877-001-0020: Fee increase.

Board Vote – Motion passed; 5-0, 0 abstentions.

Board approved to make a permanent rule of the draft rule OAR 877-020-0010: Modifies temporary reduction in supervision requirements.

Board Vote – Motion passed; 5 – 0, 0 abstentions.

Board approved to make a permanent rule of the draft rule OAR 877-020-0012: Adds LMFT and LPC supervisors.

Board Vote – Motion passed; 5-0; 0 abstentions.

Board approved to make a permanent rule of the draft rule OAR 877-025-0006: Modifies CE language to be inclusive of all license types.

Board Vote – Motion passed; 5-0; 0 abstentions.

Board approved to make a permanent rule of the draft rule OAR 877-025-0011: Adds suicide risk, assessment, treatment, and management CE requirement.

Board Vote – Motion passed; 5-0; 0 abstentions.

13. **Discussion and potential adoption of OAR 877-001-0035:** Allows a person to petition a The Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers for a determination as to whether a criminal conviction would prevent the person from receiving a license.

    Board Discussion: Interim ED Baptista shared that the Board will need to not only approve the rule but also request to charge a predetermination processing fee through the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and have it ratified by the legislature.

    Board approved to make a permanent rule of the draft rule OAR 877-001-0035 and authorize the Interim Executive Directo to submit the fee request to DAS for ratification.

    Board Vote – Motion passed, 5-0, 0 abstention(s).

14. **Discussion of ORS 419C.38**

    Board Discussion: Interim ED Baptista shared a brief overview of ORS 419C.38 and that social workers may have authorization to provide forensic social work services removed. Board asked what the qualifications and requirements are for a social worker to provide forensic evaluations of juveniles and adults. Board shared concerns that this could limit equitable access to forensic evaluation services.

    Action Items: Interim ED Baptista will reach out to organization to have them provide additional information and share forensic evaluation services.

15. **Review and approval of the Consent Agenda as presented: Board Vote -** Motion passed 5 - 0, 0 abstentions.

16. **ASWB Updates - Board Discussion:** Public Member Costales shared that he will be participating in October New Board Member training and Public Member Costales offered to attend 2026 Delegate Assembly. Public Member Pantley shared that she will be providing a speech at the delegated assembly via video call.

17. **Discussion about iPads and Board Documents**: Board completed a training to use iPads to access confidential board documents.

18. **Public Comment:**

    The Board is not required, nor do the Board members anticipate engaging in discussion with participants providing comments.

    Written: No written comment provided.

    Oral: Angelica Peterson, Member of the Public, shared commentary about rule changes and requested the Board to make these changes more accessible and transparent with the public. Peterson also requested the Board share Oregon Health Authority and other resources for social work fields outside of mental health.

    Miranda Bass, Member of the Public, shared concerns about veteran related cultural competency continuing education credits are not being considered. Bass also requested that the Board accept veteran-related continuing education credits as cultural competency. Interim ED Baptista will be working with Board staff to move forward with accepting veteran-related cultural competency continuing education credits. Interim ED Baptista shared that anyone who has recently submitted veteran-related cultural competency continuing education credits can be accepted by the Board.

19. **Recognition of LCSW Member, Amy Ashton-Williams:**

    Board provided LCSW Member, Amy Ashton-Williams, with a plaque and card of appreciation for her services and time spent as an LCSW Board member with the Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers.

20. **Adjournment: Chair Janssen** adjourned the Board meeting at **4:17 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,



Noelle Johnson, *Licensing Assistant*